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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Early week prices were lower in all locations. As the week progressed, prices in New York decreased 2 cents on all sizes. Trade sentiment was about steady at current prices. Demand improved from last week and was noted as light to fairly good. Supplies ranged tight to ample, but were usually adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock as well as checks and undergrades' prices were slightly lower. Demand was reported as light and limited while offerings were fully adequate. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules vary from plant to plant with most operators running only for regular commitments. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Light type fowl prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand moderate to good. Removal prices were steady at 0 to 7 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales light to fairly good, usually moderate, with planned feature activity providing some much needed additional interest. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged tight to ample, usually fully adequate to available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was reported as light and limited while offerings were fully adequate. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules vary from plant to plant with most operators running only for regular commitments. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-100	95-97
LARGE	91-99	93-96
MEDIUM	77-83	80-82
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA		

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending lower. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient for the fair demand. Light type hens were mostly sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99-112	100-105
LARGE	94-109	99-103
MEDIUM	80-95	84-87
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

## SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Feb 06, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	120.50	118.00	105.00
SOUTHEAST	121.50	119.50	104.00
MIDWEST	117.00	115.50	103.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	122.50	120.50	105.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	120.47	118.47	104.43

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	02-10-04	02-03-04	02-11-03
Large	74-81	90-97	38-42
Medium	60-64	76-80	28-32

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-FEB 09, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.5	16.9	7.2	16.1	12.2	60.9
	Change	-0.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.7	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.7	52.1	11.7	25.5	41.2	151.2
	Change	1.3	5.8	3.5	-1.4	-1.6	5%
Large	Curr Wk	37.1	111.5	66.4	117.4	121.4	453.8
	Change	-0.2	1.4	13.2	2.9	-6.8	2%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.5	37.0	17.7	20.8	33.8	127.8
	Change	3.4	2.7	6.8	-2.5	-1.1	8%
Small	Curr Wk	2.6	5.4	3.7	2.9	4.6	19.2
	Change	-0.5	-0.2	-1.4	-1.4	-0.7	-18%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.7	21.6	10.3	12.9	5.6	54.1
	Change	-1.0	4.8	1.5	1.7	-0.3	14%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.2	37.9	13.1	32.8	35.0	131.0
	Change	-3.1	-2.1	-11.5	3.9	-3.8	-11%
Total	Curr Wk	103.3	282.4	130.1	228.4	253.8	998.0
Percent	Change	0%	5%	11%	2%	-5%	2%

## TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	998.0	2%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	216.1	2%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,214.1	2%	204

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection****WEEK ENDING 07-FEB-04**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,150,257	25,767	12,068	6,592	2,835	4,107
PW	1,118,124	25,723	11,045	6,112	2,584	3,906
LY	1,124,687	26,376	10,950	6,086	2,893	4,147
% CHG PW	3	0	9	8	10	5
% CHG LY	2	-2	10	8	-2	-1
2004	5,684,035	132,219	56,089	30,975	13,588	20,485
2003	5,684,373	132,603	54,311	30,285	14,225	21,138
% CHG YTD	0	0	3	2	-4	-3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.19	41.84
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.62	38.35
		38.6

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Jan 31	Feb 7	Jan 31	Feb 7
	Thousand			
AL	29,084	29,171	22,264	21,502
AR	30,944	30,374	23,910	24,701
DE	3,624	3,710	*5,369	4,860
FL	1,347	1,364	1,603	1,859
GA	33,063	33,374	25,636	25,780
KY	*6,459	7,254	*5,254	5,592
LA	3,657	3,673	3,668	3,702
MD	*8,840	8,570	*5,461	5,508
MS	19,207	18,928	*16,402	16,598
NC	17,573	18,097	*14,303	14,056
OK	5,655	6,338	5,250	4,902
PA	3,501	3,694	2,527	2,631
SC	*3,646	3,638	*4,204	4,087
TX	*14,754	14,785	*12,098	12,165
VA	6,129	6,363	4,751	5,634
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,897	17,313	*15,393	15,202
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>*204,380</b>	<b>206,646</b>	<b>*168,093</b>	<b>168,779</b>
Previous Year Total	203,905	202,772	166,420	164,887
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	101	102

\* Revised

**Broiler/Fryer: Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 20-Mar-04 is estimated at 155.1 million head. This compares to 153.7 million head the previous week and to 155.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 60.89 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/05/04-02/11/04

**CURRENT LDS 82.50 FUTURE LDS 56.75 TOTAL LDS 139.25**

SE	NE		MW				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	77.17	—	77.25	79.00	—	—	9.00
GNR W 2	—	—	77.00	78.00	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	95.00	—	—	—	—	1.75
GL W J	—	—	96.67	97.67	84.00	—	4.00
GL W XL	—	—	89.38	90.31	80.58	84.00	39.00
GL W LG	—	89.00	78.50	89.00	76.43	77.00	19.00
GL W MD	78.00	—	67.50	69.79	65.00	70.00	16.25
GL W SM	—	—	49.83	51.50	—	—	5.75
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	112.00	1.50
NRBS - 48	—	77.40	76.00	77.00	75.24	77.70	54.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 07-Feb-04

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW LY
ATLANTA	25.9	25.8	0 9
BOSTON	3.4	3.3	3 10
CHICAGO	62.0	62.0	0 31
DETROIT	28.9	26.8	8 8
KANSAS CITY	10.4	7.3	42 121
LOS ANGELES	90.8	87.0	4 8
NEW ORLEANS	8.7	7.5	16 -46
NEW YORK	28.1	31.1	-10 -6
ST. LOUIS	20.2	17.0	19 29
SAN FRANCISCO	23.0	22.2	4 5
TOTAL	301.4	290.0	4 10
4 WK MVG AVG	295.3		

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 07-Feb-04

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,669	2,403	9	16	4,097
AVG WT	15.39	36.82	25.76	30.39	28.04
LAST WEEK	1,571	2,295	33	8	3,907
SAME WK YR AGO	1,758	2,504	51	20	4,333
AVG WT	15.77	37.77	24.64	29.17	28.65
TO-DATE/2004	8,365	12,118	181	41	20,705
TO-DATE/2003	8,417	12,993	306	63	21,779

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending W/E 07-Feb-04

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		BANDED	HEAD-	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT		-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
N EAST	780	2	21.89	(A)	783	21.89
SATL	696	26	30.23	(A)	699	30.23
N CENT	1,833	1	32.19	(A)	1,836	32.19
S CENT	498	0	20.79	(A)	501	20.79
WEST	274	0	25.24	(A)	278	25.24
U.S. TOTAL	4,081	(B) 5	28.04	16	4,097	28.04
TO-DATE						
2004	20,664	(B)		41	20,705	
TO-DATE						
2003	21,716	(B)		63	21,779	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 9,000 for the year 181,000; last year to date 306,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 07-Feb-04

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	153,788	1,117	1,273	2,390	454
AVG WT	5.22	3.07	8.25	5.83	6.41
LAST WEEK	150,873	1,274	1,255	2,529	444
SAME WK YR AGO	150,335	1,689	1,377	3,066	421
AVG WT	5.05	3.26	7.49	5.10	6.62
TO-DATE/2004	768,502	6,604	6,346	12,950	2,240
TO-DATE/2003	751,331	8,591	7,030	15,621	2,090

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.7 million head or 3.4 million head less than or 98% of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Feb-04

CLASS	Current Week 02/14/04(1)	Previous Week 02/07/04
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	157,862(2)	155,047
LT HENS	1,337	1,185
HVY HENS	1,461	1,341
TOTAL	160,660	157,573

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Feb-04 is 158.5 million head compared to 153.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.2 million head or 0.3 million less than estimated available. For week of 21-Feb-04 the estimated available is 157.7 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO  
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY 3	136.5	147.1	93%	5.15
10	160.8	151.1	106%	5.17
17	159.4	156.3	102%	5.20
24	149.3	157.4	95%	5.24
31	152.7	158.4	96%	5.26
FEBRUARY 7	155.7	159.1	98%	5.22
YEAR TO DATE	777.9	782.3	99%	
FEBRUARY 14	158.5			
21	157.7			

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 2/09/04-02/13/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago 69.00-72.00	72.49	39	74.59	74	
Los Angeles 76.00	76.28	61	77.92	121	
New York 76.00-78.00	76.67	24	73.78	56	

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from			
	9-Feb-04	2-Feb-04	2-Feb-04	10-Feb-03
	75.41	0.51	74.90	60.86
NUMBER OF LOADS	565			

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
<b>CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/</b>				
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-60	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**  
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 02/09/04	3,216	145,816	40,130
AM 02/01/04	3,118	141,357	40,964
CHG	98	4459	-834
PCT CHG	3%	3%	-2%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 09-Feb-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.68
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.5-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.84

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

**LIGHT TYPE** 06-Feb-04 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

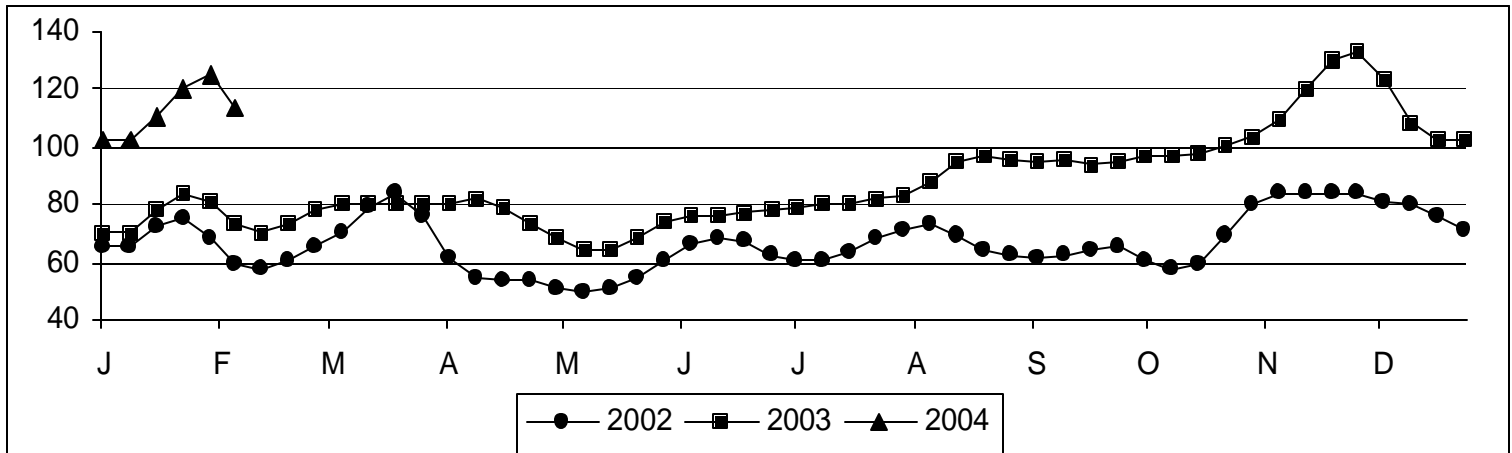
	RANGE	MAJORITY
<b>Eastern</b>		
Removal Cost	0-12	9-11
<b>So. Central</b>		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
<b>No. Central</b>		
Removal Cost	0-7	5.5-7

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

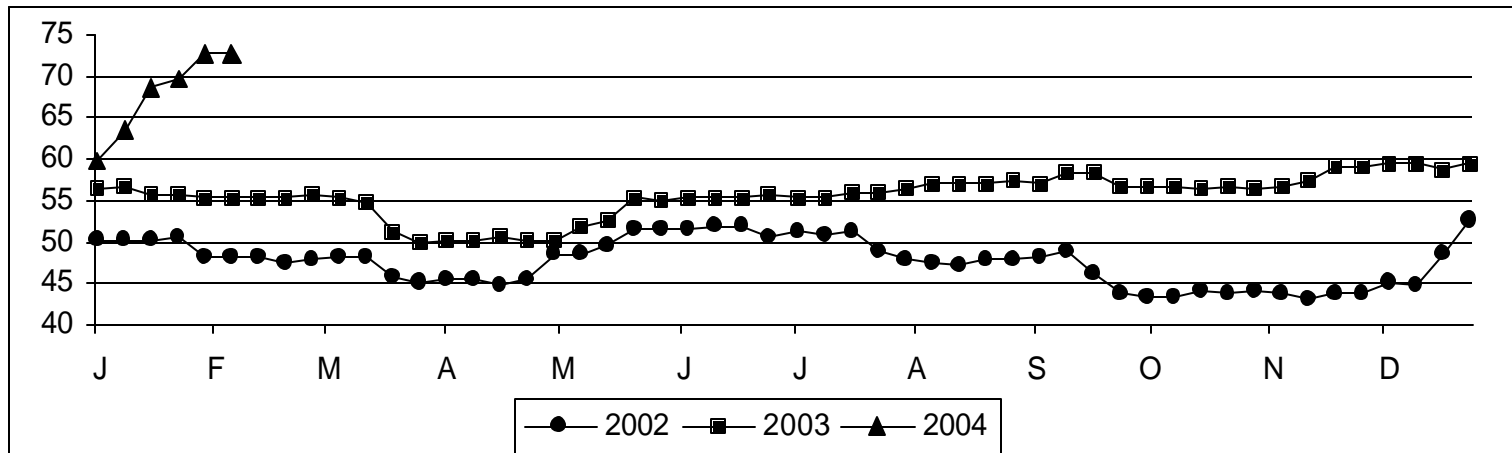
W/E 07-Feb-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	211.0	0	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	541.0	-3	5
W.N. CENTRAL	281.0	-4	2
S. ATLANTIC	168.5	-5	-4
S. CENTRAL	100.3	-4	6
WEST	190.0	5	2
TOTAL	1491.8	-2	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

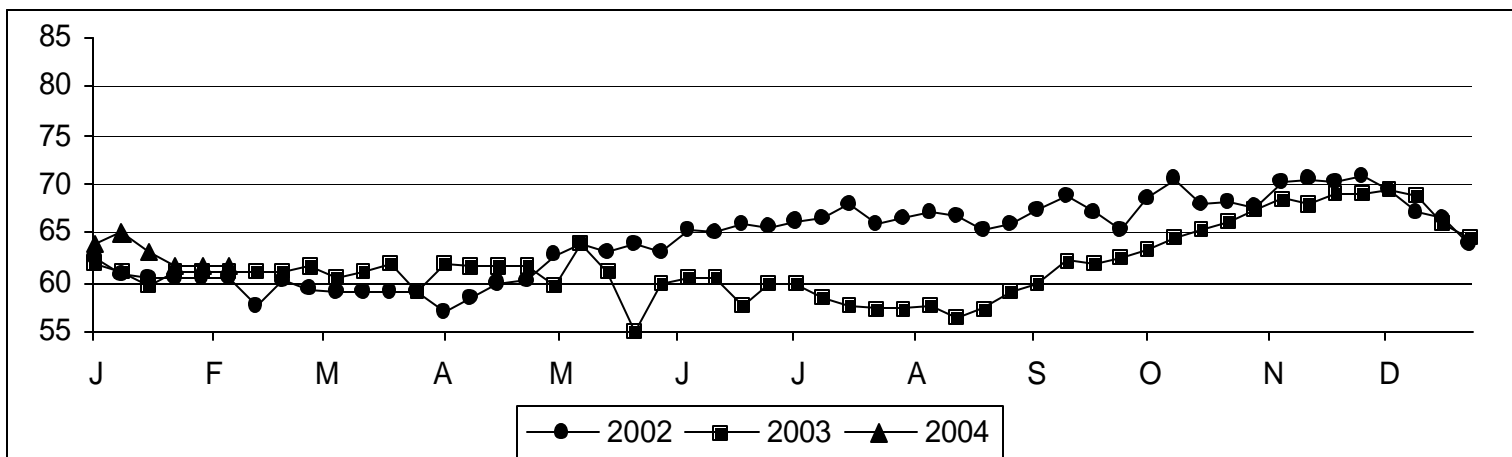
**New York Large Weekly Average Price  
Cents per Dozen**



**Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices  
Cents per Pound**



**Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys  
Cents per Pound**



**Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only**

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